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ARGENTINA: AUGUST DISAPPEARANCES

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 have provided the basis for one plausible explanation B1
of the 10 unresolved disappearance cases that occurred during August and
were reported to Embassy Buenos Aires. Not only was the August figure
significantly higher than that for any month since January, but the disappearances
seemed to undercut Argentine claims to improvement in this area precisely
on the eve of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission's (IAHRC) visit
(September 6-20).

 the 10 people were the B1
remnants of a terrorist group (Fuerzas Armadas Peronistas--FAP), and their
arrests were ordered by a federal criminal judge. The government, B1
 intends to permit the IAHRC to waste time investigating the cases
and then produce the 10 in court with the evidence against them.
This version coincides with a random remark by an Embassy source in late August
to the effect that security ~~agent~~ agents had scored a coup against the FAP.

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 reported an army intelligence officer's contention that the
~~disappearances were~~ disappearances were Montoneros connected with a resurgence
of that terrorist group's activities in Argentina.

 INR COMMENT: The reported court appearances for the 10 have not yet
taken place, and we cannot otherwise confirm these reports. Their plausibility
stems from the fact that they would help explain why disappearances became
more frequent immediately prior to the IAHRC's arrival. If those who were
kidnapped are or are believed to be associated with terrorist activities

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(FAP or Montonero), security officials might well have detained them regardless of the predictable consequences for the country's human rights record. ~~This would have been particularly~~ This course would have been even more likely if government authorities really intend to initiate public court proceedings against the detainees in the ~~near~~ near future.

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